



## FORESTRY, FIRE & STATE LANDS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Cover Sheet



<b>Project Title</b>	Field Testing a rapid wetland assessment (UWAAM Version 1.0) and augmentation of a preliminary wetland reference network database for GSL wetland habitat		
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<b>Project Description / Abstract</b>	<p>The Institute for Watershed Sciences (IWSciences) has recently developed a rapid wetland assessment method (Utah Wetlands Ambient Assessment Method, Version 1.0 or UWAAM; Hoven and Paul 2008) to provide a unified assessment strategy to be used by multiple agencies for §305(b), §404 regulation and obtaining habitat management goals. UWAAM was developed specifically for wetlands of Great Salt Lake (GSL) and its watersheds. IWSciences is also in the process of developing a database to be used as a GSL wetlands reference network that is built upon existing data from various studies. Both the UWAAM and wetlands reference network are in preliminary stages of development in that a) UWAAM does not have a scoring system and has not been field tested; and b) the wetlands reference network is in its infancy and has many gaps related to how well each condition category is covered in each wetland class. IWSciences proposes to use a newly developed and untested rapid wetland assessment method (UWAAM) to assess GSL shorebird wetland habitat that may be at risk of degradation.</p>		
<b>Project Funding</b>	Amount Requested	Matching Funds	Total Project Cost
	\$ 28,132.50	\$ 32,800.00	\$ 60,932.50